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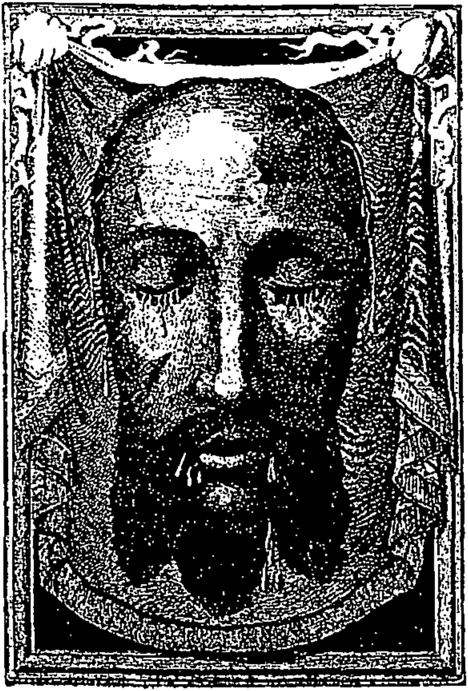


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(Ps. LXXIX, 4.)

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True copy of the picture of the Holy Face of Our Lord Jesus Christ, venerated and preserved in the Basilica of St. Peter, Rome.

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In the year of 1933, His Excellency, the Most Reverend Michael J. Gallagher, Bishop of Detroit, canonically erected the Confraternity of the Holy Face, in the Monastery Chapel of the Discalced Carmelite Nuns. Its affiliation to the Archconfraternity of the Holy Face at Tours, France, took place July 22, 1933.

The Confraternity has for its principal object:

1. The rendering of a special homage of respect and love to the Holy Face of Our Lord Jesus Christ, outraged and disfigured in His Passion.

2. The repairing of blasphemies, profanation of Sunday and other sins of impiety, which outrage It afresh.

3. The obtaining from God the conversion of sinners, particularly blasphemers and other impious sinners.

4. The appeasing of Divine Justice.

DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE
and the
ORIGIN OF THE ARCHCONFRATERNITY OF THE HOLY FACE

Devotion to the Holy Face of our Lord Jesus Christ is not new in the Church. It dates back to the coming of our Lord into this world. The first adorers of the Sacred Countenance were our Blessed Mother, Saint Joseph, the shepherds, the Magi and later the Apostles and disciples. The people, too, admirers of His wisdom and His doctrine, were in a special way impressed with the aspect of His Adorable Face, "Upon which," says St. Jerome, "shine the rays of Divine Majesty." For this. Face, was by turns sweet and severe, merciful and terrible; It wore an expression of tenderness and benignity towards little children, but it terrified the sellers in the Temple. The glories of Tabor, the dolors of the Passion, reflected on the Divine Face, have been at all times the ravishing object and the subject of contemplation of noble hearts and of elect souls such as St. Augustine, St. Bernard, St. Gertrude, St. Mechtildes, and of our times, St. Therese of the Child Jesus, the Ven. M. Dupont and Sister Marie St. Pierre, Discalced Carmelite Nun of Tours.

Devotion to the Sacred Sorrowful Face seems to have been inaugurated by our Lord Himself, for on His sorrowful way to Calvary, He miraculously left the image of His Bloodstained Countenance on the Veil of the noble Roman matron, Veronica, who had braved the impious rabble in order to give Him the comfort of wiping His Face. With jealous care, this Sacred Relic, saturated with the Sweat and Blood of our Divine Lord, has been preserved and guarded by the Sovereign Pontiffs and devotion to this Sorrowful Face has been publicly practiced from time immemorial in the

Basilica of St. Peter at the Vatican. However, the attaching to this ancient devotion the idea of Reparation was not thought of, until our Lord Himself, communicated it to Sister Marie St. Pierre of the Carmel of Tours. In His revelations to Sister, our Lord clearly stated His desires: that reparation for blasphemy and the profanation of Sunday be made through the worship of His Sacred Face and that an Archconfraternity of the Holy Face be established forming a center towards which many similar confraternities, established in different parts of the world should converge.

Serious difficulties which lasted a long time impeded the designs of our Lord and of Sister St. Pierre.

The Archbishop of Tours in order to respond in some degree to the Revelation instituted an Association for the Reparation of Blasphemies. Later on, the Bishop of Langres, France, instituted a Confraternity of Reparation for Blasphemy and for the Profanation of Sunday, and the devotion spread rapidly. This Confraternity was immediately afterwards elevated to the rank of Archconfraternity by the Holy Father, Pius IX. His Holiness read the supplication for the same with enthusiasm, and, with regard to the subject, expressed himself in these often cited words: "Reparation is a work destined to save society." But these associations did not conform entirely to our Lord's wish, for the worship of the Holy Face was not mentioned. M. Dupont, "the holy man of Tours," in whose soul the Revelations found an echo from the beginning, labored zealously to make known to others the reparation demanded by our Lord. In the year 1851 he placed in his drawing room a copy of the Veil of Veronica which had been applied to the miraculous Effigy at Rome. In a spirit of reparation, he kept a lamp continually burning before It. There he and his associates offered reparatory acts and fervent prayers. During the last twenty-five years of his

life the devotion gradually became known throughout the world, and his home renowned as a place of pilgrimage. It appeared that God looked with favorable eye upon the supplications made there, for spiritual and temporal graces of all kinds were obtained.

Immediately after the death of M. Dupont, in order to favor the devotion to the Sacred Picture, Msgr. Morlot, the Archbishop of Tours, converted the private oratory of M. Dupont into a public chapel and stationed "Priests of the Holy Face" there to care for the chapel and the wants of the faithful and pilgrims who came there to pray. Soon after a confraternity of the Holy Face was solemnly constituted and Pope Leo XIII enriched it with many indulgences. The news spread rapidly and was received in all parts of the world with holy transports of thanksgiving to our Lord, Who, by the voice of the authority of the Holy Pontiff seemed to arrange a means of salvation to Christian society so really threatened. Numberless and pressing petitions were made from all sides to participate in the spiritual treasures of Tours, with the result that in 1885 a petition, signed by Cardinals, Archbishops and Prelates of distinction, was sent to Pope Leo XIII to obtain the favor of the elevation of the Confraternity of the Holy Face at Tours, to that of an Archconfraternity. Among the signers of this petition, America was nobly represented by the following: Cardinal McCloskey of New York; Archbishop, later Cardinal, Gibbons of Baltimore; Archbishop Elder of Cincinnati; Bishop Keane of Richmond; Bishop Neraz of San Antonio; Bishop Jansens of Natchez, and the Fathers of the Sacred Heart at Watertown. The request for an Archconfraternity of the Holy Face was immediately granted, "for all the world" (Rome excepted), on Oct. 1, 1885. The desires of our Lord and Sister St. Pierre were fulfilled.

From the beautiful Pastoral Letter of the Archbishop of Tours announcing the establishment of

the Archconfraternity of the Holy Face, we quote the following passage:

"Let us turn to the Holy Face with confidence. Let us offer It under all Its different aspects to our Heavenly Father irritated by our offenses and repeat: "O God look upon the Face of Thy Christ" and "Father, forgive." Let us present It to men, to sinners, to those who curse and outrage It; Its tears, Its sweat, Its unalterable patience, Its invincible love, possess the power of disarming the most rebellious and touching the most hardened; in Its presence, we trust, they will fall on their knees, and will strike their breasts, and will return to the knowledge and love of their God.

Such is, in fact, the aim of the devotion to the Holy Face: to touch the heart of man, to arrest the arm of God."

DECLARATION

We hereby declare, that we absolutely and entirely conform to the decree of Urban VIII, with respect to the terms of eulogy or veneration applied to the servant of God, Sister Marie de St. Pierre, and other pious persons, as well as to the divine revelations mentioned in the present book; and moreover, that we by no means anticipate the decisions of the Holy See.

THE COMPILERS.

SISTER MARIE DE ST. PIERRE

At Rennes, France, in the year 1816, on October 4th, the anniversary of the death of the great St. Teresa of Avila and the feast of the seraphic St. Francis, Francoise Perrine Elverey was born.

From her fervent parents she inherited that deep faith and solid piety which characterized her whole life. As soon as her reason began to develop, her parents instructed her in the teachings of our holy Faith. Her pious father taught her how to practice the Way of the Cross and her mother inspired her with great devotion to the Blessed Virgin.

Little Perrine was often ill and had an unamiable disposition. This, her pious parents strove to correct and the child herself appealed to our Blessed Mother for help in the matter. Presently her quick temper, frivolity and obstinacy grew better. Perrine had learned to do violence to herself and when anything disagreeable happened, in order to overcome her impatience, she quickly turned her thoughts to God, saying: "My God, I o er Thee this in reparation for my sins." Prayer became her greatest joy and having learned that mental prayer was more pleasing to God than vocal prayer she tried to make it. Her efforts gave her scruples but God soon inspired her to think of His suf erings and her sins. About the age of ten years she heard an instruction on mental prayer and with it came a ray of light which penetrated her heart and very soon she became a skilful adept in this science of saints.

When twelve years old, Perrine had the grief of losing her mother. Like Saint Teresa at the same age, and in similar circumstances, she ran to cast hersel at the feet of Mary, and entreated the august Virgin to be a mother to her in place of the one she had just lost. The Queen of Heaven did, in fact, adopt this innocent soul and during the remainder of her life gave her many tangible

proofs of it. Her father, having a large family, confided her to the care of two of her aunts, who were persons of great piety. Perrine now made much progress in virtue and seized every opportunity presented for performing works of mercy.

After a time, however, Perrine became somewhat relaxed and was tempted to worldly vanities. But her devotion to our Blessed Mother saved her from yielding to this temptation and af r making a serious retreat, her former attraction to the religious life developed strongly. She firmly resolved to become a Carmelite at Tours. But five years of trials and h miliations awaited her before her desire was realized. This joy, of which an interior voice had already assured her, was realized on November 12, 1839. Perrine was now 23 years of age.

In Carmel it was observed that Perrine, now known as Sister Marie St. Pierre, possessed so id judgment, was amiable, cheerful, very simple, serene, retiring, exceedingly mortified, had a holy appetite for sacrifices and humiliations, and above all was "most exemplary in her obedience." This chi d of Carmel so completely surrendered herself to a life of grace and the practice of virtue, that "she astonished all who beheld her." Even at the time of her Holy Profession, June 8, 1841, she had attained a high degree of perfection, and during the few remaming years of her religious life, because of her faithful observance of the Holy Ru e of Carmel, Sr. Marie St. Pierre became, as it were a " iving Rule."

Shortly after her Holy Profession, through a number of communications, God was pleased to make known to Sister His wish that a special cultus of the Holy Face be given place in the Church. While awaiting episcopal approbation she suffered much and her spirit was tested and tried in every way.

Some me before her holy death, which occurr July 8, 1848, Sister St. Pierre made known

her life's mission in these words: "I was sent into this world to make reparation, and I will die for this end."

Her beautiful mission is best told in her life written by herself in obedience to her Prioress.

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For the benefit of the members of the Confraternity some passages containing her revelations will here be quoted as they appear in the life of "Sister Marie Pierre" written by Rev. P. Janvier.

On the 26th of August . . . as Sister was making her evening meditation at the foot of the cross, the Savior said to her:

"I have heard your sighs, I have seen the desire you have to glorify Me. My Name is everywhere blasphemed, even children blaspheme It! This frightful sin, more than all others, grievously wounds My Divine Heart; through blasphemy the sinner curses Me to My Face, attacks Me openly, annihilates My redemption, and himself pronounces his own condemnation and his judgment. Blasphemy is a poisoned arrow which continually wounds My Heart. I will give you a golden arrow wherewith to wound It delightfully and to heal the wounds inflicted on It by the malice of sinners"—Then He dictated to her the following formula: "For ever praised, blessed, loved, adored and glorified be the most holy, most sacred, most adorable, unknown and inexpressible Name of God, in heaven and in hell, by all creatures who have come forth from the hands of God, and by the Sacred Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ in the most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar."

Such was the "golden arrow" which our Lord bestowed on His servant, assuring her that each time she repeated this formula of praise, she would wound His Heart with a wound of love. "Pay attention to this favor" He said to her, "I shall require an account of it from you." At that moment it seemed to her as though she saw, is-

suing forth from the Sacred Heart of Jesus wounded by the arrow, torrents of graces for the conversion of sinners.

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"Until the present moment, I have acquainted you with only a part of the designs of My Heart, but I will now reveal the whole of them to you.

The earth is covered with crimes. The infraction of the three first commandments of God has irritated My Father. The Holy Name of God blasphemed and the Holy Day of Sunday profaned have heaped up the measure of iniquities. These sins have ascended to the throne of God and have provoked His anger, which will make itself felt if His justice be not appeased; at no previous time have these crimes reached such a height. I desire, with an earnest desire, that an association properly approved and rightly organized should be formed for honoring the Name of My Father" . . . Abashed and confused, the humble daughter of Carmel hesitated. But our Lord said to her: "Take good heed, for if, through being deficient in simplicity, you place obstacles in the way of My design, you will be responsible for the salvation of many souls; if, on the contrary you are faithful, they will adorn your crown."—"Ah!" added He, "to whom should I address Myself if it be not to a Carmelite who, because of her vocation ought, without ceasing, to glorify My Name?"

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On the night of the 25th of December, 1843, the Sister obtained from her Superiors permission to make, in compliance with the reiterated commands of our Lord, "an act of perfect donation." As a recompense she was favored with still more abundant graces and illuminations. "It seemed to me," she said, "as though I heard Jesus, addressing to us these words from out His Tabernacle:

O you who are My friends and My faithful children, see if there be any grief like unto Mine; My Divine Father and My spouse, the Church, the object of the delights of My Heart, are despised and outraged by My enemies. Is there then no one who will rise up and console Me by defending them against the wicked who attack them? I cannot remain any longer amidst this ungrateful people; behold the torrents of tears which flow from My eyes. Shall I find no one who will dry them, by making an honorable reparation to the glory of My Father, and by praying for the conversion of the guilty?"

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"You cannot," said He to her on one occasion, "understand the malice and abomination of this sin, and if My justice were not restrained by My mercy, it would crush the guilty, and even inanimate creatures would take vengeance on it." "Then," she added, "He showed me how excellent is the work of Reparation." He also said to me: "Oh! if you but knew the degree of glory you acquire by making a single act of reparation for blasphemy!" . . . "You clearly see, sweet Jesus!" she said, "that I, a poor and miserable creature, can do nothing; deign then to make all I suffer pass into the heart of those who can render You service."

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As Portress, Sister turned to profit her necessary intercourse with those who came to the Monastery seeking help, cures and consolation, by making known to them the devotion to the Gospel of the Holy Name. This our Lord revealed to her, specifying the details about its composition.* When giving this article of devotion to those in need, Sister told them to wear it and invoke the

*See Page 31.

Holy Name of Jesus. Spiritual and temporal favors resulted and the demand for them became so urgent that the Community helped in making them.

Corresponding to our Lord's request, M. Dupont defrayed the expense of the printing of these Gospels and for this service our Lord promised Sister, "I will recompense him most magnificently in Heaven."

Of the essence of the practice of wearing these Gospels, Sister St. Pierre states: "This is what I understand from communications that have been made to me.

The devil uses all possible means to snatch from our Lord Jesus Christ, the inheritance purchased by the Cross, and he is ever seeking to rob this Good Shepherd of the Lambs obtained at so great a price. To put this ravishing wolf to flight, and keep him at a distance from the fold, Jesus has made known to me, that He wishes His sheep to be marked with His Holy Name, by wearing upon their person the Gospel announcing to all nations that the Incarnate Word was called "JESUS."

This lovable Savior has acquainted me with the virtue of His Sacred Name; that it would drive away the demon, and that all thus placing themselves under its special protection would receive great graces. He also told me to put at the end of this little Gospel some words that would recall His victory over Satan, when He took, for love of us, the Name of "JESUS."

Our Lord made known to me that these objects of piety must not be sold, but given away in His Name, so as to be within the reach of all the faithful. He asked of the Community the widespread distribution of these gospels, and wished the following words to be inscribed on the end of the sheet:

When JESUS was named
Satan was disarmed.

He made me understand the glory it gives Him to celebrate His victory in those words, for they cause the demon to tremble with rage; and He promised to bless all who wear this Gospel, and to defend them against the attacks of Satan."

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The mystery of the sorrowful Face of Christ was all at once revealed to her. She felt herself transported to the path leading to Calvary. "There," she said, "our Lord represented to me, in a very vivid manner, the pious office performed by St. Veronica, who, with her veil, wiped His most Holy Face, covered with spittle, with sweat and blood. The Divine Savior made me understand that the wicked actually renew, by their blasphemies, the outrages formerly inflicted upon His Holy Face; all the blasphemies which they hurl against the Divinity, without being able to reach It, fall back, like the spittle of the Jews, on the Face of our Lord, who made Himself the victim of sinners." "Then He told me that . . . by applying ourselves to the Reparation of blasphemies, we render Him the same service that was performed by this heroic woman, and He looks upon those who act in this manner, with the same complaisant eyes as He looked upon her during His Passion." . . . "This admirable Face is the mirror of the perfections contained in the most Holy Name of God. I also understood that as the Sacred Heart of Jesus is the sensible object offered to our adorations whereby His immense love is represented to us in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar, so in the same manner, in the work of reparation, the Holy Face of our Lord is the sensible object offered to the adoration of the associates to repair the outrages of blasphemers who attack the Divinity, of which It is the figure, the model, and the expression. Through the virtue of this venerable Face presented to the Eternal Father, His just anger may

be appeased, and the conversion of blasphemers be obtained."

Our Lord, moreover, made her see that the Church, His spouse, is His mystical body and that religion is the face of His body, which face, at the present day, is a target for the enemies of His Name. "I saw," said she, "through this illumination, that the impious, by proffering evil words and blaspheming the Holy Name of God, spit in the Face of the Savior and cover It with mud; that all the blows given by sectarians to the holy Church and to religion, are a renewal of the numberless blows which were inflicted on the Face of our Lord, and that these wretched men make the brow of this august Face, as it were to sweat, by striving to annihilate His travail."

After having given me this relevation, the Savior said to me: "I seek for Veronicas to wipe and honor my Divine Face, for It has few worshippers." And He caused me anew to comprehend that all those who apply themselves to this work of reparation are performing the office of the pious Veronica; after which He addressed to me these words: "As for you, I give you My Face, in order to recompense the great desires you have conceived in your heart. I give It you in the name of My Father, in the virtue of the Holy Spirit, in the presence of the angels and of the saints; I make this gift to you by the hands of My most holy Mother and St. Veronica who will teach you how to honor It," and He added: "By means of this Holy Face, you will work miracles."

The Sister understood that this precious gift was not made to her alone; that it was about to become a distinctive sign of the work of reparation, and a powerful means of action, but that as regarded herself, the grace which had been bestowed upon her was the greatest that could have been given her, after the Sacraments. "Henceforth," added the Savior, "if any do not recognize My work in this, it will be because they close their eyes to it."

Henceforth, it was with anguish that she received divine illuminations; the hreats uttered by God overwhelmed her with sadness and bit erness. "My poor heart," she said "is wounded by a sword of grief. Jesus has again fixed my attention on His Head crowned with thorns, and on His adorable Face, which is a target for the enemies of God, and of the Church. He has made me enter into H s sorrowful complaints, telling me that He seeks for souls to repair the outrages inflicted on Him, and to heal His wounds by applying to them the wine of Compassion and the oil of Charity."

Our Lord promised the Sister not to show Himself less magnificent towards those who by their prayers, their adorations or their writings, should boldly defend His cause before men, without being afraid of either their ill will or their power. He enjoined her to take care and make His ministers and spouses clearly acquainted with these His designs, adding: "If you keep these things secret, and do not wish to make them known, you will commit an injustice" . . . "I give you anew My Head to be offered to My Father, and to appease the divine justice. Oh! if you but knew how powerful is Its virtue! And the reason of it is that I have taken upon My own Head all the sins of men, in order that My members may be spared. Therefore, offer My Face to My Father; It is the onlv means whereby to appease Him." He, moreover, added: "I desire this work of reparation; be sure that it will be established."

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Another communication, made on the 12th of January, 1847, connects together two devotions, which occupy an essential place in the work of reparation. "Our amiable Savior," said the pious Carmelite, "has made me to understand His feelings as to the manner in which His love is misunderstood in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar, through the want of faith shown by Christians,

and He has deigned to bind my heart and my spirit to His feet, in order that I may keep Him company in His abandonment, by adoring His Holy Face, hidden beneath the veil of the Eucharist. Yes, it is by means of this august Sacrament that Jesus, our Savior, will communicate to our souls the virtue of His most Holy Face. It is there, more dazzling than the sun, and He has promised me anew to imprint the features of His Divine Countenance on the souls of those who shall adore It." Then our Lord suddenly revealed to her mind a glimpse of the relation existing between the most Holy Name of Jesus and His adorable Face. "He made me to see," she said, "by means of a comparison as simple as it is just, how the impious, by their blasphemies, attack His adorable Face, whilst the faithful glorify It by thei homage of praise rendered to His Name and to His person." . . . "Behold then, what the f iends of Jesus perform by the work of reparation; the glo y which they give to His Name rests upon His august brow and rejoices His most Holy Face in a very special manner in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar."

At the present day, the crimes which most outrage our Lord in His Sacraments proceed from secret societies. They are indicated to the Sister under the general title of Communists, as being the greatest enemies of the Chu ch. "He has commanded me," she said, "to make war upon them, giving me to understand that these wretches are for the most part born in the Church of which they now declare themselves the enemies. He has given me the weapons of His Passion, His cross and the other instruments of His torture, with which to combat them.—"My daughter," He said to me, "they have torn Me out of My tabernacles, they have profaned My sanctuaries; they have laid hands on the Anointed of the Lord. Have they not committed the crime of Judas? They have sold Me for money. This knowledge must not remain sterile in your heart; I communi-

cate it to you solely to arm you for the combat. Go forth and meet them with the simplicity of a child, and the courage of a valiant soldier." And the virgin of the cloister did not cease to repeat with the prophet: "Arise, O Lord, and let Thy enemies be scattered, and let them that hate Thee, flee from before Thy Face . . . !"

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"The reparation demanded by the Savior from Sister Marie de St. Pierre is so intimately connected and so entirely identified with the expiation of Calvary, that it may be said that it renews and continues it, and thus, in spite of the weakness and unworthiness of the instruments, it is, in reality, 'the most beautiful of all works,' the most necessary for the times in which we live . . . Let us then, have great confidence. His all-powerful Name will be our shield and His adorable Face our rampart. But He made me to understand that He wished to see the devotion to His adorable Face developed as much as possible."

M. DUPONT'S MISSION

Of these supernatural communications with which Sister St. Pierre was favored the Ven. M. Dupont was among the first to learn. He, a pious layman, who heard Mass and communicated daily at the Carmel of Tours, became an apostle of the revelations by having a small work printed with the approbation of Mgr. Marlot, the Archbishop of Tours. To this work which bore the title of "Association of prayers against blasphemy and the profanation of Sunday," he added a "Little office of the Holy Name," which he composed.

Sister St. Pierre had said before her holy death that her mission was ended. M. Dupont, however, continued it, never ceasing to venerate her memory and to propagate her ideas and desire for reparation. He looked upon the "miracle of the Vati-

can"* as a presage in favor of the Sister's writings which were still under Episcopal seal.

What connection this "Miracle" proved to have with his own special mission of making known to the world the Devotion to the Holy Face and the ultimate establishment of the Archconfraternity of the Holy Face may be judged from the following simple developments.

On the same evening of the miraculous occurrence some copies of the Holy Face Effigy were permitted to touch the original Veil of Veronica. Of these the Prioress of the Carmel of Tours received three and presented two to M. Dupont. He kept one for his own private devotion; it was hung in the place of honor in his drawing room. In a spirit of reparation, a light was kept burning before it, and just as he desired, this light attracted the attention of his visitors, and became the subject of many questions. This circumstance rendered him very happy and he profited by it to speak of the Reparation and of the revelations made to Sister St. Pierre, and to persuade his friends to become associates in the great work which our Lord had demanded. Finally they knelt down before the holy Effigy to pray with him. Conversions and numerous cures, obtained by means of prayers and of the application of the oil taken

*The "miracle of the Vatican" occurred in the year 1849. Pope Pius IX had fled to Gaeta from before the victorious and unexpected Revolution. To appease the anger of Heaven and to obtain an end to the evils devastating the Church, he permitted the Holy Face Effigy and the Wood of the True Cross to be publicly venerated in Rome from the Feast of Christmas to that of the Epiphany. When prayers were begun it was noticed that the Face of our Lord appeared distinctly through the silk covering. On the third day of the exposition, the Veil became suffused with color; the Face of our Divine Lord showed Itself in full relief in the midst of a soft light and the Eyes wore an expression of profound sadness. Clergy and laymen assembled in crowds to witness the miracle which lasted three hou s. An account of this happening was drawn up and testified to by an apostolic notary and sent to His Holiness.

from the lamp burning before the Holy Face, soon attracted to the house of him who was from that time called the "Holy Man of Tours," a crowd of visitors and pilgrims, to such a degree, that his apartment soon became a centre of almost uninterrupted prayers. Crowds continued to flock thither during nearly twenty years. It was thus that the pilgrimage to the Holy Face was established.

M. Dupont continued to hope that the life and writings of Sister Marie would be published and to his joy, in the year 1876, when his end was drawing near, he learnt that the Archbishop of Tours had given orders to that effect. He blessed God and died peacefully on March eighteenth.

On the death of the servant of God, the object which Providence had in view was attained. The faithful, accustomed to visit and pray before the Holy Face, attached a particular interest to his dwelling, where so many graces had been granted, so many extraordinary cures accomplished before their eyes, and so many good works founded.

In order then, that the house of the holy man of Tours should not become private property, Mgr. Colet, who declared in an official document that M. Dupont had "died in the odor of sanctity," permitted the property to be bought by a community belonging to the town. On June 29th of that year, a public oratory was established in his drawing room, and solemnly inaugurated by the Archbishop, who was the first to celebrate holy Mass in the Chapel. Here a Confraternity of the Holy Face was soon erected, and on October 1, 1885, scarcely eight years after this great servant of God had expired, Pope Leo XIII established, in the said oratory, the Archconfraternity of the Holy Face, as our Lord demanded. It now sheds its rays over the whole earth.

STATUTES AND RULES

of the

CONFRATERNITY of the HOLY FACE

Detroit, Michigan

ARTICLE I.

In virtue of the apostolic Briefs December 9, 1884, March 30 and October 1, 1885:

The Archconfraternity of the Holy Face, with the authority of the Holy See has been established at Tours in the Oratory of the same name where since 1851 special veneration has been given to an authentic copy of the Veil of St. Veronica—preserved at St. Peter's, Rome—and to this Archconfraternity at Tours has been accorded the power of aggregating to itself all associations of similar purpose throughout the entire Catholic world. To it on July 22, 1933, was canonically aggregated the Confraternity of the Holy Face, established by his Excellency the Most Rev. Michael J. Gallagher, Bishop of Detroit, in the Chapel of St. Therese of the Child Jesus. (Chapel of the Discalced Carmelite Nuns—Detroit, Michigan.)

ARTICLE II.

The objects of the Confraternity are:

1. To offer to the Adorable Suffering Face of our Lord Jesus Christ, the homage of love and adoration due His Sacred Countenance. These acts offered publicly, before a facsimile of the Veil of St. Veronica, are made in reparation for the insults, blasphemies and outrages inflicted upon the Holy Face of our Lord Jesus Christ during His bitter Passion.

2. To induce members by honoring this sacred and venerable image of the outraged Countenance of our Suffering Savior, to perform fervent acts of faith, piety, penance and zeal in reparation for their own sins, for the impious crimes committed in these times, against the Majesty of God, the Divinity of our Lord, the authority of the Church and all that is religious and sacred. Reparation is to be made particularly for all sins of blasphemy and profanation of the Sunday.

3. To pray for the conversion of sinners—blasphemers especially.

ARTICLE III.

Members assume the following obligations:

1. To recite daily (in any language) one Pater Noster, Ave Maria, and Gloria Patri, and the invocation, "Lord, show us Your Face, and we shall be saved." These prayers are to be offered for the intentions of the Confraternity.

2. To wear a cross, medal or scapular of the Holy Face.

3. To have full name inscribed on tbe Confraternity Register.

4. To extend as much as possible, this beautiful and consoling devotion to the Holy Face of our Suffering Savior.

5. In a spirit of reparation to visit often—at least once a month—the Most Holy Sacrament, particularly in those Churches or Chapels, such as the Carmelite Chapel—the seat of the Confraternity in Detroit.

6. To manifest the greatest reverence and respect for the Most Blessed Sacrament and for the Holy Name of God.

ARTICLE IV.

Any of the faithful may become a member of the Confraternity.

When enrolled, one receives a certificate and copy of the Little Manual containing the Statutes and Rules of the Confraternity.

ARTICLE V.

The principal feast of the Confraternity is that of St. Peter, in whose Church at Rome is preserved the precious Veil of St. Veronica.

Its minor feasts are: The Crowning of Thorns (1st Friday in Lent) and the Transfiguration of Our Lord (August 6th).

On Good Friday, also, special homage is to be given to the Holy Face. On that day our holy Mother the Church commemorates the insults our Lord endured for our sins, and especially the outrages offered to His Holy Face.

Easter is likewise a day of special homage to the Holy Face. This glorious feast is one of the occasions on which the Veil of St. Veronica is publicly displayed at Rome in presence of the Sovereign Pontiff.

FAVORS, ADVANTAGES AND PRIVILEGES

Enjoyed by Members of the Confraternity and those Who Practice Devotion to the Holy Face.

Besides honoring the adorable and suffering Face of our Savior, those who practice this devotion of Reparation to the Holy Face, make themselves useful to the Church, to souls and to society by endeavoring to repair the crimes which are effecting so much evil in the world today.

These two noble and meritorious acts become a source of graces and blessings to fervent souls devoted to this work.

PROMISES

Of Our Lord Jesus Christ in Favor of All Those Who Honor His Holy Face

1. They shall receive in themselves, by the impression of My Humanity, a bright irradiation of My Divinity, and shall be so illuminated by It in their inmost souls, that, by their likeness to My Face, they shall shine with a brightness surpassing that of many others in eternal life.

(*St. Gertrude, Insinuations, book IV, ch. VII.*)

2. St. Mechtilde, having asked our Lord that those who celebrate the memory of His sweet Face should never be deprived of His amiable company, He replied: "Not one of them shall be separated from Me."

(*St. Mechtilde, Of Spiritual Grace, book I, ch. XIII.*)

The following are promises made by our Lord to Sister Marie de Saint-Pierre

3. "Our Lord has promised me that He will imprint His divine likeness on the souls of those who honor His most Holy Countenance."

(*January* 21st, 1847.)

"This adorable Face is, as it were, the seal of the Divinity, which has the virtue of reproducing the likeness of God in the souls that are applied to it."

(*November* 6th, 1845.)

4. "By My Holy Face you shall work miracles."

(*October* 27th, 1845.)

5. "By My Holy Face you will obtain the conversion of many sinners."

(*November* 22nd, 1846.)

6. "Nothing that you ask in making this offering will be refused to you."

"If you knew how pleasing the sight of My Face is to My Father."

(*November* 22nd, 1846.)

7. "As in a kingdom you can procure all you wish for with a coin marked with the prince's effigy, so in the kingdom of Heaven you will obtain all you desire with the precious coin of My holy Humanity, which is My adorable Countenance."

(*October* 29th, 1845.)

8. "All those who honor My Holy Face in a spirit of reparation, will by so doing perform the office of the pious Veronica."

(*October* 27th, 1845.)

9. "According to the care you take in making reparation to My Face disfigured by blasphemies, so will I take care of yours which has been disfigured by sin. I will reprint therein My image and render it as beautiful as it was on leaving the Baptismal font."

(*November* 3rd, 1845.)

10. "Our Lord has promised me, that all those who defend His cause in this work of reparation, by words, by prayers, or in writings, He will defend before His Father; at their death He will purify their souls by effacing all the blots of sin and will restore to them their primitive beauty."

(*March* 12th, 1846.)

The Patrons of the Confraternity are:

The Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of God and Queen of Sorrows; St. Joseph; St. Michael, the Archangel; St. Peter; St. Veronica; St. Louis (King of France); St. Martin (of Tours); St. Teresa of Avila; St. Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face, and St. Dismas, "the good thief."

Reproductions of Veronica's Veil

During a long period reproductions of the effigy of the Holy Face were forbidden. Since the "miracle of the Vatican" in 1849, however, the Sovereign Pontiffs have authorized printed copies of the Sacred Picture to be made on linen or silk. These are then impressed with a Cardinal's seal and furnished with a guarantee. The word "Gratis," printed on the picture, refers to the spiritual benefit, only, of the effigy, which has been touched to the Wood of the true Cross, the Sacred Lance and the original effigy or miraculous picture of the Holy Face, venerated and kept for centuries with the major relics of the Basilica in the Vatican, Rome. Expositions or "ostensions" of It are made in the Vatican at least thirteen times a year and the blessings given is the same as that of the Blessed Sacrament.

Innumerable miracles have been worked with the original and its copies throughout the world. The faithful reproductions are permitted to be exposed in different parts of the world in order to reanimate faith and piety in the hearts of the people.

Picture of the Holy Face Adopted by the Confraternity

In view of the object which it proposes to itself, the Archconfraternity adopted in preference to all other representations of the Holy Face of our Lord, that of the facsimile of the Veil of Veronica. This touching picture of the Sacred Countenance is well calculated to induce souls to perform acts of reparation. Its whole aspect presents an ineffable mixture of greatness, compassion, love and sorrow, which touches all hearts. Beneath Its wounds, the Christian recognizes the majesty of God, and touched with repentance at so striking an expiation of his ingratitude, it abandons itself to a sweet confidence and an ardent love for its Redeemer. When it is viewed with the eyes of faith, one experiences sentiments similar to those expressed by St. Therese, "The Little Flower," in the following:

Prayer to the Holy Face

"O Jesus, who in Your cruel passion didst become the 'Reproach of men and the Man of Sorrows,' I worship Your Divine Face. Once It shone with the beauty and sweetness of the divinity: now for my sake It is become as the face of a 'leper.' Yet in that disfigured countenance I recognize Your infinite love, and I am consumed with the desire of loving You and of making You loved by all mankind. The tears that streamed in such abundance from Your eyes are to me as precious pearls which I delight to gather, that with their infinite worth I may ransom the souls of poor sinners.

"O Jesus, whose Face is the sole beauty that ravishes my heart, I may not behold here upon earth the sweetness of Your glance, nor feel the ineffable tenderness of Your kiss. I bow to Your will but I pray You to imprint in me Your divine likeness, and I implore You to so inflame me with Your love that it may quickly consume me, and I may soon reach the vision of Your glorious Face in heaven! Amen."

The Gospel of the Holy Name or "The Little Sachet"*

Following details given her by our Lord in special communications on the subject, Sister Saint Pierre, composed the devotional object known as "The Little Sachet."

It consists of a leaflet on which the following is printed: The short Gospel of the Circumcision which mentions the giving of the Name of "Jesus" to our Savior; a picture of the Child Jesus; the initials of His Sacred Name and some invocations intended to inspire confidence together with the lines:

"When Jesus was named
Satan was disarmed."

*See Page 14.

In honor of the five letters of the Sacred Name of "Jesus" and by virtue of His five Precious Wounds, our Lord promised Sister Marie de St. Pierre, to grant to those who with faith and piety embrace this devotion, the following special graces: Protection from lightning, from the wiles and cunning of Satan, from sudden and unprovided death, the grace to lead a virtuous life and the grace of final perseverance.

Prodigies continue to sanction this humble yet well-founded practice to the present day. By this Gospel of the Circumcision, Jesus glorifies His Holy Name, restores health to the sick, converts the sinner and bestows grace to the just. Its use is specially blessed with success in the case of dying sinners.

LITTLE CHAPLET OF THE HOLY FACE

For the Triumph of the Church and the Downfall of Her Enemies

The little chaplet of the Holy Face has for its object the honoring of the five senses of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of entreating God for the triumph of His Church. This chaplet is composed of

a cross, of thirty-nine beads, six of which are large, and thirty-three small, and of a medal of the Holy Face. It is well to recite it every day, in order to obtain from God, by means of the Face of His well-beloved Son, the triumph of our Mother the Catholic Church, and the downfall of her enemies. The Cross recalls to us the mystery of our Redemption; we must sign ourselves with it and make the invocation: "O God, incline unto my aid: O Lord, make haste to help me"; followed by the Gloria Patri. The thirty-three small beads represent the thirty-three years of the mortal life of our Lord. The first thirty recall to mind the thirty years of his private life, and are divided into five sixes with the intention of honoring the five senses, of the touch, of the hearing, of the sight, of the smell and of the taste of Jesus, which have their seat principally in His Holy Face, and of rendering homage to all the sufferings which our Lord endured in His Face, through each one of these senses. Each of these sixes is preceded by a large bead in honor of the sense which it is intended to honor, and is followed by a Gloria Patri. The three small beads recall to mind the public life of the Savior and have for their object the honoring of all the wounds of His adorable Face; the large bead which precedes them has the same object in view and is followed by a Gloria Patri. On each large bead, must be said: "My Jesus, mercy!" And on each small bead: "Arise, O Lord, and let Your enemies be scattered, and let all that hate You flee from before Your Face."

The Gloria Patri is repeated seven times, in order to honor the seven words of Jesus upon the Cross, and the seven dolors of the Immaculate Virgin. When terminating it, we must say over the medal: "O God, our Protector, look on us, and cast Your eyes upon the Face of Your Christ."

The little chaplet comes to us from Sister St. Pierre.

PRACTICES RECOMMENDED

Recite daily, if possible, and according to your devotion, one or more of the longer prayers, found in the last pages of this Little Manual.

Make the aspirations to the Holy Face frequently and fervently.

Be very zealous about saying the ejaculations when you hear blasphemous words or cursing, or when you witness any impious sacrilege; also when you know that such sins are being committed and you cannot prevent them.

On retiring to rest at night and again on awakening in the morning, kiss devoutly the image of the Holy Face that you wear or carry about your person.

Consecrate to the Holy Face all your actions and offer all you do for the intentions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in making known His desire for this devotion of Reparation to His Holy Face.

Let your medal or other effigy of the Holy Face remind you of the Presence of God—recalling that the All-holy Eyes of God behold even your least action and your most secret thoughts and desires.

At the beginning of prayer, when combatting distractions or trying to overcome temptation, a glance at the image of the Holy Face may aid you to place yourself in God's Holy Presence.

With the intention of making reparation for the sins of those who scoff at religion and for the derision shown our Lord in His Passion by those who mockingly bent their knee before Him, genuflect piously and looking at the Sacred Host or at the Tabernacle, make an act of love and adoration similar to this one: "I adore You, O Hidden Face of Jesus here present in the Sacrament of Your love."

For the above intentions always make the sign of the cross with respect.

When you read, hear of or witness blasphemies concerning the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of

God, particularly those attacking her Immaculate Conception or her Divine Maternity, defend her honor by words, or if this is not in your power repeat silently this aspiration:

"Blessed be the holy and Immaculate Conception of the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God."

Make a visit to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament before praying at any shrine in a Church or Oratory. Look with the eyes of faith at the Blessed Sacrament and recall that the Holy Face is truly present and though veiled from human gaze, He sees us, hears our prayers, speaks to our hearts and blesses us. Listen to the Divine Master's words: "Learn of Me, IN SEEING ME, that I am meek, IN FACE, and humble of heart," and consider that the gentleness and humility of the Heart of Jesus are, as in a very clear mirror, reflected in the Divine Cou tenance of our Savior. Imitate the virtues of patience, modesty, mildness and charity that shine forth in His Holy Face.

Let your reverence and recollection in presence of the Most Blessed Sacrament, your respect for the Holy Name of God and the holy manner in which you spend Sunday and holy-days of obligation, be a source of edification to all.

Try to combat the harmful effects of indifference and irreligion by distributing medals, leaflets, pictures, etc., of the Holy Face.

Make k own through the Confraternity the favors, cures, miracles, etc., wrought through this consoling and powerful devotion to the Holy Face.

Offer Holy Communion and assist at Holy Mass in honor of the Holy Face and in reparation for blasphemy.

In reparation for the desecration of Altars and Churches, deny yourself some pleasure or luxury at least once a month a d devote the amount sacrificed, to the upkeep or adornment of an Altar or Church.

Secure for your home a picture of the Holy Face, preferably a facsimile of St. Veronica's Veil. Keep a light burning before It and unite there daily to recite the family prayers. When God visits your family with trials, sickness or accidents, kneel before the miraculous picture in your home, or in the public oratory of the Holy Face, and pray for resignation to God's Holy Will and for any other graces or blessings you need.

St. John Vianney recommended offerings similar to the following, as an unfailing means to obtain even the most precious graces.

"Oh, my beautiful Immaculate Mother Mary, Queen of sorrows, I beg of You, by the inexpressible agony You endured at the foot of the cross, to offer to the Eternal Father, in my stead, the Holy Face of Your Divine Son, my Jesus, covered with Blood, Wounds and other indignities heaped upon Him during His Sacred Passion, and beg of Him to grant (Here mention the grace or favor you desire.) Amen.

PRAYERS IN HONOR OF THE HOLY FACE

The Golden Arrow

For ever praised, blessed, loved, adored and glorified be the most Holy, the most Sacred, most Adorable, unknown and inexpressible Name of God in heaven, upon earth and in hell, by all creatures come forth from the Hands of God, and by the Sacred Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar. Amen.

(Note: Mr. Dupont, the holy man of Tours, had a great devotion for the Golden Arrow, and looked upon it as the basis of works of reparation.)

Prayers of Sister Marie de St. Pierre

I salute You, I adore You, and I love You, O Jesus, my Savior, outraged anew by blasphemers, and I offer You, through the heart of Your blessed Mother, the worship of all the angels and saints, as an incense and a perfume of sweet odor, most humbly beseeching You, by the virtue of Your sacred Face, to repair and renew in me and in all men Your image disfigured by sin. Amen.

Pater, Ave, Gloria.

O adorable Face of my JESUS, so mercifully bowed down upon the tree of the cross, on the day of Your Passion for the salvation of men, now again, incline in Your pity towards us poor sinners; cast upon us a look of compassion, and receive us to the kiss of peace. Amen.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. Amen.

May the Name of the Lord be blessed! Amen.

Eternal Father, we offer You the adorable Face of Your well beloved Son for the honor and glory of Your Holy Name and for the salvation of all men.

Prayers of M. Dupont

Adorable Face of my Jesus, my only Love, my Light and my Life, grant that I may see, know, and love You alone, that I may live by You, and for You. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ, in presenting ourselves before Your Adorable Face, to ask of You the graces of which we stand most in need, we beseech You, above all, to give us that interior disposition of never refusing at any time to do what You require of us by Your commandments and divine inspirations. Amen.

O good Jesus, who has said: "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened to you," give us, O Lord, that faith which obtains all, or supply in us what may be deficient; grant us, by the pure effect of Your charity, and for Your eternal glory, the graces which we need and which we look for from Your infinite mercy. Amen.

Be merciful to us, O my God, and reject not our prayers, when amid our afflictions we call on Your Holy Name and seek with love and confidence Your Adorable Face. Amen.

We bless You, O Lord, for all Your benefits, and beseech You to imprint in our hearts sentiments of love and gratitude, putting into our mouths songs of thanksgiving to Your eternal praise. Amen.

May I expire, burning with an ardent thirst to see the adorable Face of our Lord Jesus Christ!

(Prayer of Saint Edmund, which M. Dupont often repeated during the latter portion of his life.)

Act of Reparation

I adore You, and I praise You, O my divine Jesus, Son of the living God, for all the outrages You have endured for me, who am the most miserable of Your creatures, in all the sacred members of Your body, but especially in the most noble part of Yourself, that is to say, in Your Face. I salute You, amiable Face, wounded with blows and scourges, soiled with spittle and disfigured by the evil treatment which impious sinners caused You to suffer. I salute you, O lovely eyes! all bathed in the tears you have shed for our salvation. I salute you, sacred ears, tormented by an infinity of blasphemies, injuries and shameful mockings. I salute you, O holy mouth! filled with grace and

sweetness towards sinners, and made to drink vinegar and gall by the monstrous ingratitude of those whom You have chosen to be Your people. In reparation for all these ignominies, I offer You all the homage which has been rendered You in the holy places where You have willed to be honored by the special devotion to which I unite myself with my whole heart. Amen.

Prayer of St. Therese of the Child Jesus For Sinners

Eternal Father, since You have given me for my inheritance the adorable Face of Your Divine Son, I offer that Face to You and I beg You, in exchange for this coin of infinite value, to forget the ingratitude of souls dedicated to You, and to pardon all poor sinners.

O God our Protector, behold us and cast Your eyes upon the Face of Your Christ. (*Ps. lxxxiii,* 9.)

AN ACT OF HONORABLE AMENDS

To The Most Holy Face of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

In reparation of the sin of blasphemy—of the profanation of Sundays and of other impious crimes against God and the Church.

Most holy and most adorable Face of our Savior, humbly prostrate in Your presence, we present ourselves before You, in order, by a solemn act of faith and of piety, to render You the homage of veneration, praise and love which is Your due. We also desire to offer to You honorable amends and

a public reparation for the sins, blasphemies and sacrileges of which the present generation has rendered itself culpable towards the Divine Majesty, and which, in regard to You, O well-beloved Face, renew the ignominies and the sufferings of Your Passion.

It is with terror and profound affliction that we are witnesses of these monstrous crimes, which cannot fail to draw down upon society and upon our families, the malediction and the chastisements of Divine Justice. We see, in fact, all around us the law of the Lord and the authority of His Church despised and trodden under foot; His thrice holy Name denied or blasphemed; the Sunday, which He has reserved for His worship, publicly profaned; His altars and His offices forsaken for criminal or frivolous pleasures. The impious attack all that is sacred and religious. But it is, above all, the Divinity of Christ, the Son of the living God; it is the Incarnate Word; it is the august Face and the Crucifix which they attack with the greatest fury; the spit and the blows of His persecutors are renewed by the insults and the outrages which their hatred dares, in every possible manner, to inflict upon You, O Face full of sweetness and of love.

Pardon, a thousand times pardon, for all these crimes! May we make amends for them by our humble supplications and the fervor of our homage. But, guilty and sinners as we are, what can we offer the Eternal Father in order to appease His just anger, if it be not Yourself, O sorrowful Face, who has deigned to make Yourself our advocate and our victim? Supply what may be wanting in us by Your satisfactions and Your merits.

Heavenly Father, we entreat You, "look on the Face of Your Christ." Behold the wounds which disfigure It, the tears which escape from Its sunken eyes; the sweat with which It is bathed; the blood which flows in streams down Its profaned and wounded cheeks. Behold also Its invincible

patience, Its unalterable gentleness, Its infinite tenderness and Its merciful goodness towards sinners. This Holy Face is turned towards You, and, before exhaling Its last sigh, lovingly inclined upon the Cross, It implores You in favor of those who curse and outrage It. O Father, listen to that suppliant cry, permit Yourself to be touched; have pity on us and pardon us. Grant, moreover, that in presence of this Divine Face, equally formidable and powerful, the enemies of Your Name may take flight and disappear; that they may be converted and live!

May the most adorable Name of God be adored for ever and ever!

May Sundays and all Holy days of the Lord be sanctified by all men!

May the Holy Face of Jesus be loved by every heart!

May the holy Church, our Mother, be exalted throughout the whole earth!

May our holy Father the Pope, Vicar of Jesus Christ, be venerated by all people!

St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles, and Patron of the Archconfraternity, pray for us!

Lord, show us Your Face, and we shall be saved.

Amen! Amen!

CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FACE

For the Use of Members of the Confraternity of the Holy Face

I.. in order to give still greater increase to the glory of Jesus, dying for our salvation upon the cross; in order to correspond to the merciful love with which His Holy Face is animated towards poor sinners, and in order to repair the outrages which the frightful

crimes of the present day inflict upon His august Face, the most pure mirror of the Divine Majesty —associate myself, fully and freely, to the faithful received into this pious confraternity; I desire to participate in the indulgences with which it is enriched and in the good works practiced therein, as well as for the expiation of my sins and for the solace of souls suffering in Purgatory. Amiable Redeemer, most sweet Jesus, hide in the secret of Your Face all the members of this association; may they there find shelter from the seductions of the world, and the snares of Satan; grant that, faithfully keeping all the precepts of Your law and fulfilling the special duties of their state, they may be more and more inflamed with zeal for reparation, and with the flames of Your Divine Love.

PRAYER OF POPE PIUS IX.

O my Jesus! cast upon us a look of mercy; turn Your Face towards each of us as You did to Veronica; not that we may see It with our bodily eyes, for this we do not deserve; but turn It towards our hearts, so that, remembering You, we may ever draw from this fountain of strength the vigor necessary to sustain the combats of life. Amen.

CRY OF LOVE

Pardon, pardon, O my God, for the innumerable souls which are being lost every day around us. The devil rushes forth from the abyss, hurrying to make horrible conquests; he excites the infernal band; he exclaims—Souls! souls! let us hasten to ruin souls!—And souls fall like autumn leaves into the eternal abyss.

We also, O my God, will cry—Souls! souls! We must have souls, wherewith to acquit the debt of gratitude we have contracted towards You; we ask

them of You by the wounds of Jesus, our Savior. These adorable wounds cry out to You even as so many powerful mouths. The King crowned with thorns demands subjects torn from the devil; we ask them of You, together with Him and by Him, for Your greater glory, and by the intercession of the most Holy Virgin Mary, conceived without sin.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

We beseech You, O Lord, in Your infinite goodness to free us from the bonds of our sins, and through the intercession of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, together with Your holy apostles Peter and Paul, and all the saints to keep us, Your children, and our household in all holiness. Cleanse our relatives, friends, and companions from all their offenses and shower them with Your virtues. Give us Your peace and salvation; deliver us from our enemies, visible and invisible, and restrain our sinful inclinations. Grant us favorable weather and bestow Your love upon our friends and enemies.

Guard Your Holy City and its chief Ruler, our Holy Father N. N. Watch over all the ministers of Your Church and keep rulers and all Christian people from every adversity.

May Your blessing be always upon us, and may the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAISES TO THE NAME OF GOD

To Jesus Christ, to Mary, and Joseph in Reparation for Blasphemies.

Blessed be God.
Blessed be His Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.
Blessed be the name of Jesus.
Blessed be His most Sacred Heart.
Blessed be His most Precious Blood.
Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.
Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.
Blessed be her glorious Assumption.
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.
Blessed be God in His angels and in His saints.

PRAISES OF THE HOLY FACE

Blessed be Jesus!
Blessed be the Holy Face of Jesus!
Blessed be the Holy Face in the majesty and beauty of Its heavenly features!
Blessed be the Holy Face through the words which issued from Its divine mouth!
Blessed be the Holy Face through all the glances which escaped from Its adorable eyes!
Blessed be the Holy Face in the Transfiguration of Tabor!
Blessed be the Holy Face in the fatigues of Its apostolate!
Blessed be the Holy Face in the bloody sweat of the agony!
Blessed be the Holy Face in the humiliations of the Passion!
Blessed be the Holy Face in the sufferings of death!
Blessed be the Holy Face in the splendor of the Resurrection!
Blessed be the Holy Face in the glory of light eternal!

LITANY OF THE HOLY FACE

In reparation for blasphemies—For asking God for any grace whatsoever—And for the conversion of sinners, blasphemers in particular.

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
Holy Virgin Mary, pray for us.

O adorable Face, which was adored with profound respect by Mary and Joseph when they saw You for the first time,*

O adorable Face, which in the stable of Bethlehem ravished with joy the angels, the shepherds and the Magi,

O adorable Face, which in the Temple transpierced with a dart of love the saintly old man Simeon and the prophetess Anna,

O adorable Face, which was bathed in tears in Your holy Infancy,

O adorable Face, which, when You appeared in the Temple at twelve years of age, filled with admiration the Doctors of the law,

O adorable Face, white with purity and ruddy with charity,

O adorable Face, more beautiful than the sun, more lovely than the moon, more brilliant than the stars,

O adorable Face, fresher than the roses of spring,

O adorable Face, more precious than gold, silver and diamonds,

O adorable Face, whose charms are so ravishing, and whose grace is so attractive,

*Have mercy on us.

O adorable Face, whose every feature is characterized by nobility,*

O adorable Face, contemplated by angels,

O adorable Face, sweet delectation of the saints,

O adorable Face, masterpiece of the Holy Spirit, in which the Eternal Father is well pleased,

O adorable Face, delight of Mary and of Joseph,

O adorable Face, ineffable mirror of the Divine perfections,

O adorable Face, whose beauty is always ancient and always new,

O adorable Face, which appeased the wrath of God,

O adorable Face, which made the devils tremble,

O adorable Face, treasure of graces and blessings,

O adorable Face, exposed in the desert to the inclemencies of the weather,

O adorable Face, scorched with the heat of the sun and bathed with sweat in Your journeys,

O adorable Face, whose expression is all divine,

O adorable Face, whose modesty and sweetness attracted both the just and sinners,

O adorable Face, which gave a holy kiss to the little children, after having blessed them,

O adorable Face, troubled and weeping at the tomb of Lazarus,

O adorable Face, brilliant as the sun, and radiant with glory on Mount Tabor,

O adorable Face, sorrowful at the sight of Jerusalem and shedding tears on that ungrateful City,

O adorable Face, bowed to the earth, in the garden of Olives, and covered with confusion for our sins,

O adorable Face, bathed in a bloody sweat,

O adorable Face, kissed by the traitor Judas,

*Have mercy on us.

O adorable Face, whose sanctity and majesty struck the soldiers with fear and cast them to the ground,*

O adorable Face, struck by a vile servant, shamefully blindfolded, and profaned by the sacrilegious hands of Your enemies,

O adorable Face, defiled with spittle and bruised by innumberable buffets and blows,

O adorable Face, whose Divine look wounded the heart of St. Peter with a dart of sorrow and love,

O adorable Face, humbled for us at the tribunals of Jerusalem,

O adorable Face, which preserved Your serenity when Pilate pronounced the fatal sentence,

O adorable Face, covered with sweat and blood, and falling in the mire under the heavy weight of the Cross,

O adorable Face, worthy of all our respect, veneration and worship,

O adorable Face, wiped with a veil by a pious woman on the road to Calvary,

O adorable Face, raised on the instrument of most shameful punishment,

O adorable Face, whose brow was crowned with thorns,

O adorable Face, whose eyes were filled with tears of blood,

O adorable Face, into whose mouth was poured gall and vinegar,

O adorable Face, whose hair and beard were plucked out by the executioners,

O adorable Face, which was made like to that of a leper,

O adorable Face, whose incomparable beauty was obscured under the dreadful cloud of the sins of the world,

*Have mercy on us.

O adorable Face, covered with the sad shades of death,*

O adorable Face, washed and anointed by Mary and the holy women and wrapped in a shroud,

O adorable Face, inclosed in the sepulchre,

O adorable Face, all resplendent with glory and beauty on the day of the Resurrection,

O adorable Face, all dazzling with light at the moment of Your Ascension,

O adorable Face, hidden in the Eucharist,

O adorable Face, which will appear at the end of time in the clouds with great power and majesty,

O adorable Face, which will cause sinners to tremble,

O adorable Face, which will fill the just with joy for all eternity,

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord,

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord,

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Prayer

I salute You, I adore You, and I love You, O adorable Face of Jesus, my Beloved, noble seal of the Divinity; with all the powers of my soul I apply myself to You, and most humbly pray You to imprint in us all the features of Your Divine likeness. Amen.

*Have mercy on us.

Aspirations

Arise. O Lord. and let Your enemies be scattered. and let them that hate You. flee from before Your Face.

(Numb. x, 34.)

May the Name of the Lord be blessed!

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, in expiation for our sins and for the needs of Holy Church.

Amiable Heart of Jesus, our Mediator, appease Your Father, and save sinners.

Powerful heart of Mary, refuge of sinners, stay the arrows of divine justice.

Saint Michael, pray for us.

Saint Joseph, pray for us.

Saint Martin, pray for us.

Saint Louis, pray for us.

Forms Used by M. Dupont When Anointing the Sick With Holy Oil

May the Lord Himself deign, together with us, to anoint this sick person and to restore him to health. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Or else:

May the holy Names of Jesus, of Mary and of Joseph be known, blest and glorified throughout the whole earth. Amen.

HYMN TO THE HOLY FACE

For the Use of the Archconfraternity

1. O Lord our God, and brother, bruised
For us beneath a load of grief,
Before Thy solitary Face,
We come, to give our tears relief.

Refrain:

O Face adorable, august,
Of our Redeemer, see
A guilty people come to make
Reparation unto Thee.

2. Look on that forehead pierced with thorns,
and contemplate that Face divine:
Its eyes bedimmed with tears and blood,
Saviour! can it indeed be Thine?

(Refrain)

3. "When our eyes saw Him," prophets said,
"Beauty and glory He had none.
"Bowed down, like storm tost reed He was,
"Or leper which the world doth shun."

(Refrain)

4. He, loveliest of the sons of men,
He, of God's rays the mirror clear,
Behold Him now! And we, ah! we,
To be His hangmen do not fear.

(Refrain)

5. Upon that cruel night, when scorned
And outraged was that Holy Face.
And the most high, thrice holy. God
Was yielded up to menials base.
(Refrain)

6. We too were there: our sinful hands
Perchance, on Him fierce blows did wreak.
Or else, alas! we left Him lone,
Friends faithless found, companions weak.
(Refrain)

7. Forgive us, Jesus, victim dear,
Forgive, ungrateful though we be;
When prostrate we confess our crimes,
Thy Face, Redeemer, let us see.
(Refrain)

8. O Face adored! be Thine our sighs,
Our secret tears, by day and night;
The world runs after treasures frail,
Thy Face alone is our delight.
(Refrain)

9. We keep Thee, and Thou keepest us,
Thy Blood and tears to us belong,
Our brows grow pure beneath Thy gaze,
And near to Thee, our hearts are strong.
(Refrain)

10. O Face desirable, august,
Ceaseless we march on earth to Thee,
Face of our God awaiting us,
Soon we in Heaven Thyself shall see.
(Refrain)

NOTICES

Each Sunday before Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, prayers in honor of the Holy Face are recited.

The Chapel is open daily to pilgrims or other visitors.

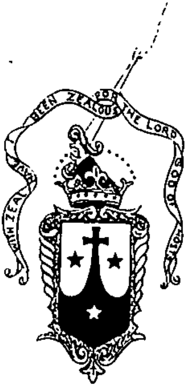
The "Light of Love" is kept burning day and night before a true effigy of the Holy Face in reparation for the disfigurements of Our Lord's Passion, the outrages of blasphemers and desecration of Sundays.

The Holy Oil or Oil from the "Light of Love," pictures of the Holy Face, sachets, medals, rosaries, etc., can be obtained at the Monastery, 16630 Wyoming Avenue.

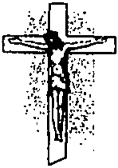
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